

Status of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Services for Older Adults

To meet requests of federal and state officials, the Senior Tar Heel Legislature, our partners and stakeholders, the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) has surveyed the statewide network of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) providers to assess service needs and learn about issues facing the service delivery system. DAAS has surveyed the network six times since February 2009, most recently in March 2014. Statewide 315 providers were contacted, 254 responded (81%).

The Western Piedmont Council of Governments, Region E serves 4 counties: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba.

17 of the 20 county-level HCCBG providers responded, for a response rate of 85%

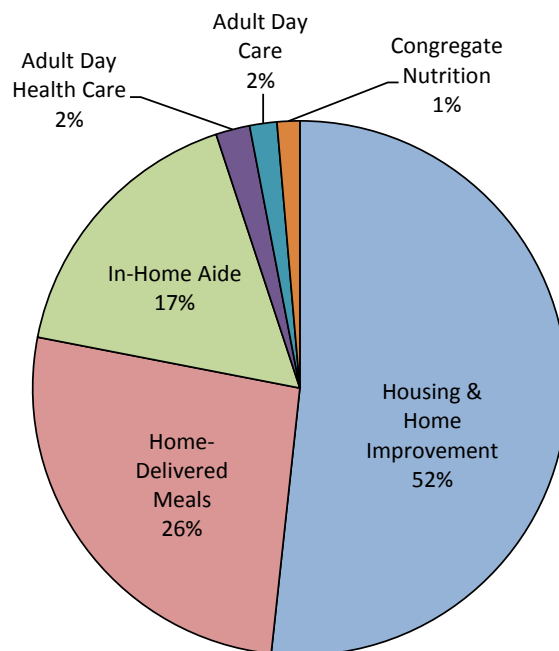
Results

100% of Information & Assistance providers reported an increase in service requests and community resources to which they can refer clients have decreased

386 seniors were reportedly waiting for home and community services; when projecting responses to 100%, there was an estimated number of 589 individuals on the waiting list

Number of seniors on the waiting list by service

Service	# Waiting
Housing & Home Improvement	377
Home-Delivered Meals	192
In-Home Aide	123
Adult Day Health Care	15
Adult Day Care	12
Congregate Nutrition	10



What some Region E providers are doing to promote efficiencies and meet challenges:

In-Home Aide: 75% are prioritizing applicant and are reassessing clients to reduce services

Housing & Home Improvement: 67% are prioritizing applicants and using volunteers to help assist

Home-Delivered Meals: 75% are prioritizing applicants

Congregate Nutrition: 50% are prioritizing applicants

Adult Day Care : 25% have increased the use of trained volunteers to be used as staff in the staff-to-participant ratio

Current challenges regarding funding and volunteerism

54% said that the number of volunteers have gotten smaller; 45% said the number of hours volunteers can contribute has decreased

19% said that consumer contributions and corporate donations have decreased

About the Home and Community Care Block Grant

Established in 1992 under NCGS 143B-181.1(a)(11), the HCCBG was devised to provide a “common funding stream” for a comprehensive and coordinated system of home and community-based services and opportunities for older adults. HCCBG services are available to people age 60 and older, although the “average” client is nearly 80 and the program targets individuals who are socially and economically needy.

HCCBG is administered through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services and the Area Agencies on Aging. It combines federal and state funds with a local match, and it gives county commissioners discretion in budgeting and administering aging funds.

HCCBG Services at a Glance (Services offered in Region E are bolded in this list)

Adult day care and day health care

Respite

Information & assistance**Congregate and home-delivered meals****Senior centers****Housing and home repair**

Health promotion and disease prevention

Care management

In-home aide services**General and medical transportation**

Senior companion

Health screenings

Skilled home health